

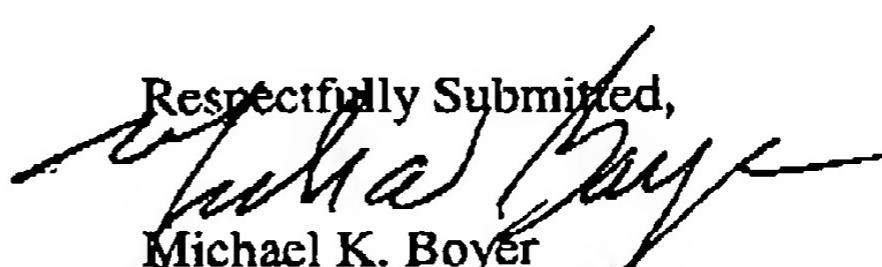
REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the above-identified patent application. It is proposed that Claims 1, 2, 9, 10 and 12 be amended, Claims 7 and 8 be cancelled and new Claims 15-16 be entered. This Amendment clearly places the application in condition for allowance and does not raise any new issues. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, reconsideration and allowance of this patent application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to Claims 9 and 10 overcome the 112 rejection. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

The Final Office Action indicated that Claim 11 was allowed, and Claims 7, 8 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The limitations of Claims 7 and 8 have added, respectively to Claims 1 and 2. Claim 12 was rewritten in independent form. Applicants, therefore, believe that the pending claims define patentable subject matter and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should there be any fee due in connection with this application, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 15-0680 (ORSCHELN MANAGEMENT CO.). Should the Examiner deem that any further action on the part of Applicants would advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney.

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